

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hiroshi UEDA, et al.

Filed: August 04, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING PNEUMATIC TIRE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings as shown in red to coincide with U.S. practice. For the convenience of the Examiner, the Applicant encloses herewith a formal drawing with the specified correction made.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 7, line 8, delete "5(1) to 5(3)" and insert --5A to 5C--.
Page 9, last line, delete "5(1)" and insert --5A--.
Page 10, / line 9, delete "5(2)" and insert --5B--;
 line 11, delete "5(3)" and insert --5C--.
Page 13, line 21, delete "Fig. 5" and insert --Figs. 5A-5C--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 5, line 2, delete "2, 3 or 4.".
Claim 9, line 2, delete "7 or 8.".
Claim 15, line 2, delete "or 13".